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"Text Me", Part 2 of 6
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The Bible: God's most important "text"

1) The Bible is ___INSPIRED BY GOD___: conceive it.

"The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God..."
(2 Timothy 3:16a, LB)

2) The Bible is ___INERRANT IN THE MSS___: believe it.

"Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit,"
(2 Peter 1:20-21, NIV)

3) The Bible is ___INSTRUCTIONAL FOR LIFE___: receive it.

"All Scripture is... useful for teaching the truth, rebuking error, correcting faults, and giving instruction for right living. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do."
(2 Timothy 3:16b-17, TEV & NLT)

"Study to show thyself approved unto God... rightly dividing the word of truth."
(2 Timothy 2:15, KJV)

4) The Bible must be ___INTEGRAL IN EVERYDAY LIFE___: live it.

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. But the man who... not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it— he will be blessed in what he does,"
(James 1:22-25, NIV)

4 Ways To Live The Bible

a) For every day, ___MEDITATE ON IT___ for a power to live on.

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night... whatever he does prospers."
(Psalm 1:1-3, NIV)

b) For every teaching, ___APPLY IT___ for principles to live by.

"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105, NLT)

"I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against You."
(Psalm 119:11, NIV)

c) For every decision, ___CONSULT IT___ for perspective to live with.

"Your Commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life."
(Psalm 119:104, NLT)

"Open my eyes to see wonderful truths in Your Law. I am but a foreigner here on earth; I need the guidance of Your Commands."
(Psalm 119:18-19a, NLT)

d) For every trial, ___CLAIM IT___ for promises to live in.

"Make me walk along the path of Your Commands, for that is where my happiness is found."
(Psalm 119:35, NLT)

"All [God's] words are true...[and] will stand forever." (Psalm 119:160, NLT)